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Yes, and I noticed that Alexis is quoted.

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Just FYI that this is out there in the press:

EPA Seen to Need Many More Staffers, But Won't Get Them Quickly

Scientists, regulatory officials, and even administrative staffers will need to be hired by the Biden administration's EPA to restore deep staff cuts from the Trump administration, current and former agency officials say.

Roadblocks Foreseen: The hiring should happen quickly, but won't, due to congressional budget limits and the bureaucracy involved in bringing new federal employees on board, the officials predicted.

Declining Ranks: Biden has already laid out a bold agenda for the agency, including reviving regulations on climate pollutants and beefing up environmental justice work. But the new EPA's ability to jump start that work could be hamstrung by the fact that the agency's ranks have fallen to about 14,200—down 14.3% from the average level during the Obama administration.

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